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SUBJECT: NIMETZ-DIMITRIOU MEETING, MARCH 20--DAVIES CASE

REF: (A) NICOSIA 729, (B) NICOSIA 730, (C) NICOSIA 731

1. DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR NIMETZ TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF PREVIOUSLY-SCHEDULED MEETING MARCH 20 WITH CYPRUS AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU (OTHER SUBJECTS REPORTED SEPTEL) TO EXPRESS STRONG USG DISAPPOINTMENT OVER CYPRUS SUPREME COURT'S DECISION TO REDUCE SUBSTANTIALLY SENTENCES HANDED DOWN LAST SUMMER TO TWO PRINCIPAL DEFENDANTS IN DAVIES CASE. NIMETZ NOTED THAT WE HAD CONSIDERED THE ORIGINAL SENTENCES TO BE LIGHT IN RELATION TO THE CRIME, AND THAT  
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BOTH KTIMATIAS AND LEFTIS HAD ALREADY BENEFITED FROM TWO SEPARATE ACTS OF COMMUTATION.

2. DIMITRIOU, VISIBLY EMBARRASSED AT DEVELOPMENTS, SAID THAT HE HAD ALSO INTENDED TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT TO CONVEY GOC'S OWN DISMAY OVER THE SUPREME COURT DECISION. HIS GOVERNMENT, HE STRESSED, WAS DEEPLY CONCERNED. AT THE

SAME TIME THIS WAS A PURELY JUDICIAL MATTER, OVER WHICH  
THE GOC HAD NO CONTROL. THE GOC WAS ENJOINED FROM EVEN  
ISSUING A STATEMENT EXPRESSING REGRET AT THE DECISION.  
CYPRUS DCM ANGELIDES ADDED THAT GOC AND PUBLIC HAD WANTED

THOSE INVOLVED IN DAVIES DEATH TO BE HANGED. HOWEVER,  
THE EVIDENCE IN THE CASE HAD BEEN WEAK. VANCE

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